

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 19, 2014

SENATE BILL

No. 1116

Introduced by Senator Torres
(Coauthor: Senator Lara)

February 19, 2014

An act to amend Sections 2436.5 and 2455.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~ *surgeons.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1116, as amended, Torres. Physicians and surgeons.

Under existing law, the Medical Board of California licenses and regulates physicians and surgeons and imposes various fees on those licensees. Under existing law, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California licenses and regulates osteopathic physicians and surgeons and imposes various fees on those licensees. Existing law establishes the Medically Underserved Account for Physicians within the Health Professions Education Fund that is managed by the Health Professions Education Foundation and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Under existing law, the primary purpose of the account is to fund the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program, ~~which~~ *that* provides for the repayment of educational loans, as specified, obtained by a physician and surgeon who practices in a medically underserved area of the state, as defined. Under existing law, funds placed in the account for those purposes are continuously appropriated for the repayment of loans and may be used for any other authorized purpose. Physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons are eligible for the loan repayment program and the board

assesses an additional \$25 license fee for purposes of the loan repayment program.

This bill would ~~authorize~~ *require each of those boards, on or before July 1, 2015, to develop a mechanism for a physician and surgeon and or an osteopathic physician and surgeon, respectively, to pay an additional \$75 to the board a voluntary contribution, at the time of application for initial licensure or biennial renewal, for those purposes. By increasing the amount of revenue in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~*no*. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2436.5 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 2436.5. (a) (1) In addition to the fees charged for the initial
4 issuance or biennial renewal of a physician and surgeon's certificate
5 pursuant to Section 2435, and at the time those fees are charged,
6 the board shall charge each applicant or renewing licensee an
7 additional twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee for the purposes of this
8 section.

9 (2) The twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee shall be paid at the time of
10 application for initial licensure or biennial renewal and shall be
11 due and payable along with the fee for the initial certificate or
12 biennial renewal.

13 (3) ~~A~~ *On or before July 1, 2015, the board shall develop a*
14 *mechanism for a physician and surgeon may pay an additional*
15 ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75) to the board to pay a voluntary~~
16 *contribution, at the time of application for initial licensure or*
17 *biennial renewal, for the purposes of this section.*

18 (b) The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to this
19 section, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account
20 for Physicians created by Section 128555 of the Health and Safety
21 Code for the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan
22 Repayment Program. Notwithstanding Section 128555 of the
23 Health and Safety Code, these funds shall not be used to provide
24 funding for the Physician Volunteer Program.

25 (c) Up to 15 percent of the funds collected pursuant to this
26 section shall be dedicated to loan assistance for physicians and

1 surgeons who agree to practice in geriatric care settings or settings
2 that primarily serve adults over ~~the age of~~ 65 years *of age* or adults
3 with disabilities. Priority consideration shall be given to those
4 physicians and surgeons who are trained in, and practice, geriatrics
5 and who can meet the cultural and linguistic needs and demands
6 of diverse populations of older Californians.

7 SEC. 2. Section 2455.1 of the Business and Professions Code
8 is amended to read:

9 2455.1. (a) In addition to the fees charged pursuant to Section
10 2455, and at the time those fees are charged, the board shall charge
11 each applicant for an original or reciprocity certificate or for a
12 biennial license an additional twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee for the
13 purposes of this section. This twenty-five-dollar (\$25) fee shall be
14 due and payable along with the fee for the original or reciprocity
15 certificate or the biennial license.

16 (b) ~~An~~ *On or before July 1, 2015, the board shall develop a*
17 *mechanism for an osteopathic physician and surgeon may to pay*
18 ~~an additional seventy-five dollars (\$75) to the board~~ *a voluntary*
19 *contribution, at the time of initial application for licensure or*
20 *biennial renewal, for the purposes of this section.*

21 (c) The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to this
22 section, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account
23 for Physicians created by Section 128555 of the Health and Safety
24 Code for the purposes of the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps
25 Loan Repayment Program. Notwithstanding Section 128555 of
26 the Health and Safety Code, these funds shall not be used to
27 provide funding for the Physician Volunteer Program.